

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Hi Everyone,

Traffic has dwindled and now it only takes me five minutes to get to work instead of fifteen. Just avoid the high school intersection at 8AM for all the students going back to school.

This is the best time of year on Nantucket, the light has changed; fall is in the air; the beaches are empty but gorgeous; the restaurants are open but not packed. Take time to appreciate and enjoy our beautiful island!

There is a lot going on at the Saltmarsh this month! Just glance to the right and pick what is of interest to you and sign up at the front desk. Please consider volunteering at the Elder Expo either Friday evening setting up, during the Expo, or after to help clean up the gym. Many hands make for light work. Definitely, set aside time Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to come participate in the Elder Expo. Great information and discount lunch tickets for that day for all who fill out the EXIT SURVEY! You could even win some great gift certificates! See you there!

Laura, Program Coordinator



#### **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

#### **LABOR DAY-CENTER IS CLOSED**

Monday, September 1, 2014

#### **OLD SALTS SAILING**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 4:45-7:45PM

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 1:30PM All meetings are open to the public; please feel free to attend.

#### **LEGAL SEMINAR**

Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 1:30PM

#### **PATAGONIA TREVELOGUE WITH KIT & JEN**

Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 1:30

#### **ELDER EXPO**

Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 9AM-11:30AM

#### **SALTMARSH DINNER**

Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:00PM

#### **NCEA ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 2:00PM

# NCEA (Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs) BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:30PM All meetings are open to the public; please feel free to attend.

#### **VERN LAUX BIRDING MIGRATION**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 1:30PM

#### **COOKBOOK SWAP**

Monday, September 22, 2014 at 1:30PM

### FRED COOK MEMORIAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, September 26, 2014 at 8:00AM

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# **ACTIVITIES**

# CALLING OLD SALTS! SUNSET SAILS WITH NANTUCKET COMMUNITY SAILING

Join Nantucket Community Sailing aboard one of its 35' keelboats for a beautiful evening sail in Nantucket's Harbor and out into Nantucket Sound. Crew members 60 and older are welcome. The sail will leave at 4:45pm and return at 7:45pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Participants may take an active role in sailing the boat, or are welcome to sit back and relax. Participants may have varying physical abilities, but should be able to step on to the boat and over the life-line, with assistance if needed, and down to the seat. They may need to move from seat to seat on the boat, but going out onto the deck of the boat is not necessary; they may remain in the cockpit for the length of the sail if that is where they are most comfortable. Life jackets will be provided and sails will be wind and weather dependent. Participants will need: Closed-toe shoes (old sneakers or non-marking boat shoes are best); layers, including a light jacket (it can be chilly in the evening out on the water); sunglasses/hat; sun-block (please avoid using spray sun-block as it will strip the boats finish); and a water bottle (or non-alcoholic beverage) if wanted (no glass). There is a limit of 6 people. Meet the sailboat at the Children's Beach dock on Harbor View Way. Please call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 to reserve your spot.



# **ACTIVITIES**

# **LEGAL CLINIC**

# **DEALING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: AT HOME; IN ASSISTED LIVING;**

### OR IN THE NURSING HOME

Thursday, September 4, 2014 @ 1:30PM

In this seminar, representatives from the Alzheimer's Association and Elder Services will join Attorney Arthur Bergeron of Mirick O'Connell to discuss strategies and available programs to help you and your family deal with advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease. Learn about the resources available to support you through these difficult times, weather you or your loved one lives at home, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home.

Call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 or sign up at the front desk.

### PATAGONIA TRAVELOGUE

Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 1:30PM

Kit Noble and Jennifer Shalley present a film and travelogue about Patagonia. This winter the pair travelled in Patagonia, a region at the southern tip of South America shared by Chile and Argentina. Patagonia is a rugged, mostly uninhabited part of South America; an unspoiled place where the Andes Mountains begin; the Colorado River reaches the sea and where glaciers still exist. Noble and Shalley will present film of pictures taken on their trip and have a discussion with the audience. Come share their adventures and be enchanted by the natural beauty found at the end of the world.

Call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 or sign up at the front desk.

### **ELDER EXPO**

Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 9:00AM-11:30AM
At the Nantucket High School gym.
If interested in volunteering please call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490

#### SALTMARSH DINNER

Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:00PM

Chef Terry Noyes from Sushi by Yoshi will prepare dinner Served with dessert and beverage \$3.00 donation

We are looking for volunteers to set up, serve, clean up and do dishes.

Call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 or sign up at the front desk.

### **VERN LAUX BIRD MIGRATION**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 1:30PM

Join Vern as he talks about the fall migration on Nantucket and the upcoming birding festival.

Call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 or sign up at the front desk.

#### **COOKBOOK SWAP**

Monday, September 22, 2014 at 1:30PM

Nantucket Atheneum and Saltmarsh Center

Are you looking for some new recipes and your cookbook shelf is bulging? Weed it out and bring your old cookbooks to Saltmarsh to trade for new ones!

Drop off and browse between 1:30-2:00PM

Tea and refreshments will be served.

Swap begins at 2:00PM

#### Swap Rules

- · All items to swap must be brought in between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- · You will be given a number indicating the number of items you can select and a ticket to enter the swap.
- · All hardcover cookbooks count as one item.
- · All leftover cookbooks will be donated to the upcoming Atheneum's book sale.

### FRED COOK MEMORIAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, September 26, 2014 at 8:00AM

Call 508-228-4490 or sign up at the front desk.

# **FUN AND GAMES**

#### **CONTRACT BRIDGE-MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 1:00PM**

You are responsible for personally signing up in the book, which is available at the front desk and you are responsible for finding a replacement if you can't play. The staff will not be taking sign-ups over the phone or finding replacements.

#### **SOCIAL DUPLICATE BRIDGE-MONDAYS & FRIDAYS at 1:30PM**

All levels welcome, but you need to have some rudimentary knowledge of the game. You are responsible for personally signing up in the book, which is available at the front desk. Extra players will observe.

#### **KNITTING, ETC.-MONDAYS 1:30PM**

Join veteran knitters working on individual projects or come to gain assistance. Bring needles, yarn & pattern. Call the center in advance at 508-228-4490.

#### **CRAFTING-TUESDAYS 9:30-10:30AM**

Join fellow crafters while you work on individual projects, sharing techniques and tips. Quilting, cross-stitch, embroidery, etc. Call the center in advance at 508-228-4490.

#### Wii BOWLING-TUESDAYS 10:15-11:15AM

Social, active entertainment that gets you up and moving!

### ACBL SANCTIONED BRIDGE-TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>TH</sup> at 1:45PM

Earn master points. Come with your partner and \$5 payable to Carol Barrett, who is a certified instructor. The parking lot opens at 1:30. The game will begin when tables are seated.

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE-TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:45PM

Carol Barrett instructs. Come with your partner. The parking lot opens at 1:30. The game will begin when tables are seated.

# SALTMARSH STAR STUFFERS-TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2014 from 9:00-11:30AM

All volunteers are welcome in assisting with the Saltmarsh Gazette. Refreshments & snacks offered.

#### MAH JONGG-WEDNESDAYS 1:20PM. Cancelled 9/17/14

Join several experienced and new players for this popular Chinese tile game.

#### BINGO-WEDNESDAYS 1:20. Cancelled 9/17/14

Games are played for cash prizes. \$1 entrance fee and \$.50/card.

#### SING-A-LONG-THURSDAYS 11:15-11:45AM

#### PAY ME & GREEDY DICE CARD GAMES-THURSDAYS 1:30-3:30.

Learn to play and have an afternoon of fun. Cards may be played at The Landmark House if a lecture is scheduled. Please check the activities calendar.

#### **COMPUTER CLASS-FRIDAYS 10:30-12:00**

Join volunteer Tom McGlinn as he leads a discussion about ways to make use of the World Wide Web, from E-mail and search engines, to podcasts, internet phone service, and I pad use.

#### **CRIBBAGE-FRIDAYS 1:20PM**

Join us for good company and an afternoon of cribbage. Call 508-228-4490 to sign up.

#### THE FRED COOK MEMORIAL MEN'S BREAKFAST-Friday, September 26,2014 at 8:00AM.

# VISUAL WORKSHOPS-EXPLORING YOUR ARTISTIC & CREATIVE PALETTE with LINDA ZOLA- THURSDAY,

# September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-11:00AM and Monday's September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Landmark House.

Have you been thinking of trying something new or revisiting your creative artistic roots?

Linda volunteers her time at the LANDMARK HOUSE for artistic and creative palette classes. She talks about a variety of arts and crafts with a small group of enthusiastic individuals exploring the visual arts. Linda Zola is a well-known local educator and artist who can provide instruction for drawing, acrylic painting, watercolor, pastel, woodcut and lino printmaking, collage, decoupage, paper-mache, and various mixed media.

# **FITNESS PROGRAMS**

#### LOW IMPACT AEROBICS W/NANCY SWAIN'S DVD- M-W-F 8:45-9:45

Designed for those who wish to work at a mild pace, improve flexibility but don't want to go beyond their usual exertion level. Designed for those who can't get up and down from the floor. Participants must be able to be independent.

#### HIGH IMPACT AEROBICS W/JOANNE DAMOURS-M-W 10:05-11:05 FRIDAYS' CLASS IS A DVD

Fast paced low impact program, designed for those who want to push beyond their usual level & increase exertion & resistance.

#### STABILITY & STRENGTH TRAINING W/JOE AGUIAR-TUESDAYS 8:00-9:00

The principles of strength training are used with a stability ball. Please bring your own ball. The purpose of the ball is to improve balance, stability and agility, and to strengthen the core muscles.

### **YOGA W/BARBARA RIVES-TUESDAYS 9:00-10:00**

Join Barbara as she assists beginners and continuing students with yoga instruction. Please wear comfortable clothing.

#### **KETTLE BELL CLASS W/JOE AGUIAR-THURSDAYS 8:00-9:00**

This program includes a warm-up, lifting and agility drills with a 5lb. kettle bell and a warm down. During this class you will increase your heart rate & improve coordination and balance. This is a supplement to the stability ball/strength class on Tuesdays.

### TAI CHI W/DOUG BAIER-THURSDAYS 9:00-10:00

Everyone is welcome to learn about this ancient martial art which is a non-impact exercise providing health benefits with increased flexibility, balance & well being.

# **YOGA FOR ARTHRITIS-THURSDAYS-10:10-11:10**

Yoga teacher, Peggy Cappy, demonstrates on DVD movements to strengthen muscles and help increase mobility for people challenged to arthritis of stiffness that comes with age or injury.

# **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

#### HEARING CARE SERVICES-WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2014 FROM 11:00-3:00

To make an appointment with Barbara Eaton please call Susanne or Barbara at 1-508-255-1285 or toll free at 1-800-328-1118.

BLOOD PRESSSURE & HEALTH & WELLNESS QUESTIONS with Ella Finn on WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2014 from 11:15-11:45

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC-THURSDAYS 2:15-2:45** 

# **SUPPORT**

#### ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS HOME CARE AND RESPITE

Elder Services provides two state funded programs for elders who are no longer independent but wish to remain in their homes. For more information please call Sheri Hunt at 508-228-4647, located at the Landmark House at 144 Orange Street.

#### **THE HOME CARE PROGRAM**

Requires an elder to be 60 years old or over, and need assistance with at least one critical task such as bathing, meal preparation, shopping or transportation and be income eligible.

# **SUPPORT**

#### THE RESPITE PROGRAM

Requires an elder to be at least 60 years old, need assistance with at least one critical task & have a daily caregiver. Payment for both programs is on a sliding fee schedule. The respite fee is based on the income of both the elder & his or her spouse.

#### PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE OF NANTUCKET

Palliative & Supportive Care of Nantucket has again been awarded a grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands. This grant will partially support the continuation of private consultations, in the home or our office, with a nurse practitioner, for family members who help care for a family member or friend who needs some assistance due to illness, disability, or frailty. Caregivers can request an overall evaluation of their situation, including an assessment of the person they help care for, and can receive information, support, and education about various topics ,e.g., the disease process (including Alzheimer's Disease); managing medications; giving personal care; maintaining safety; planning for future health care needs; caring for themselves while caring for someone else; stress management, etc. Referrals for other services may also be made. This program is part of the *Caregivers' Connections Program* which also includes:

- \*Volunteers-provide 1-2 hour/week for respite breaks for caregivers, or can help with errands transportation, etc.
- \**Time Out*-caregiver support groups which will meet Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 2:30PM in our office, located in the Hospital Dorm Building.
- \*Alzheimer's Disease Educational Consultations-for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's.
- \*Lending Library of caregiver-related topics.

All hospice services are free of charge! Coaching for Caregivers is funded in part by the Elder Services of the Cape & Islands Title IIIE grant under the Older American Act. Voluntary donations are gratefully accepted for this program.

For more information or an appointment, please contact Palliative & Supportive Care of Nantucket, 57 Prospect; phone: 508-825-8325: email:pascon@partners.org; website: <a href="https://www.pascon.org"><u>WWW.pascon.org</u></a>

#### MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL COUNSELOR-DAVID CHEW

David P. Chew ACSW, LICSW has been awarded a small ESCCI Title III grant to provide outreach mental hygiene services to the elderly population on Nantucket. Services include bio-psychosocial evaluations & brief counseling. The behavioral assessments & counseling will be provided at the client's residence at absolutely no cost. All Nantucket residents over the age of 60 are eligible. The targeted population for this service is residents of Nantucket, economically disadvantaged, low-income minority, disabled, limited English speaking or Alzheimer's diagnosed. Physicians, nurse practitioners, assisted living domiciles, clergy and other organizations and individuals in contact with elderly who have already been contacted by mail to solicit referrals to this program. If you know of a person who might benefit from this service, please contact David Chew at 508-228-1473. Funding for this service is provided from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Older Americans Act Title III grant, through our Area Agency on Aging-Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM**

This group facilitated by Sheila Barrett meets at Our Island Home at 9 East Creek on the last Friday of every month from 1-2PM. Call 508-228-0462 for information.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S & RELATED DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP**

This group is for caregivers of those with memory impairment. Meetings are held at Father Griffin Hall, 15 Cherry St. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:30-12:00. To register or for more information, contact 508-775-5656 or email info@HopeDementia.org.

### **GET A HANDLE ON MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP**

NAMI of Cape Cod and the Islands is pleased to announce the start of a monthly support group for family members and friends of people living with depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), schizophrenia and other neurological disorders. The meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm at Sherburne Commons, 40 Sherburne Commons Drive. For more information contact Ruth@ 508-221-3437 or <a href="mailto:rutheb7@yahoo.com">ruthieb7@yahoo.com</a>

# **SERVICES**

#### **VETERANS' COUNSELING**

The Veterans Administration Center in Hyannis offers counseling to Nantucket Veterans on island by licensed psychologist Dr. Jocelyn Howard on Nantucket. To learn more information or to make an appointment please call the Hyannis Vet Center at 508-778-0124.

<u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u> are available with Nantucket's Veteran's Agent, Ralph Hardy, at the VFW located at 22 New South Rd. Office hours are Thursday's 8:30AM-12:15PM, by phone anytime, leave a message at 508-325-5332, email rhardy@nantucket-ma.gov or mail to Veterans Services Officer, 81 Washington St. Ext., Nantucket, MA 02554.

<u>CONGREGATE LUNCH</u> is served at the Saltmarsh Monday –Friday from 12-1 for elders 60 and over and their spouses. Call Elder Services at 508-228-4647 to make a reservation or cancellation two days in advance.

<u>VAN TRANSPORTATION</u>-The NRTA provides door to door transportation to elders and persons with disabilities called Your Island Ride. Pre-certification and approved eligibility are required. Service is provided year round, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Trip requests must be made in advance. For more information please call 508-325-7516 or visit www.nrtawave.com.

<u>LEGAL SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS</u> sends a representative to Nantucket each month and is available September 4, 2014 at Behavioral Health Center, for those who have an appointment. Call 1-800-742-4107 to make an appointment.

<u>SOCIAL SECURITY</u> representatives are available at <u>www.ssa.gov</u> or by phone and are now offering services via VIDEO TELECONFERNECING. A terminal has been installed at the Saltmarsh and will be available the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. This service will allow island seniors to speak directly with a SSA representative to conduct official Social Security business. Please call the Saltmarsh at 508-228-4490 to make an appointment.

The Hyannis office is located at 259 North St. or call 1-866-467-0440. The Falmouth office is located at 48 Research Rd. or call 1-855-881-0212. Both offices are open M, T, Th & F from 9-3 and W 9-12.

**PORTABLE RAMP FOR DISABLED PERSONS AVAILABLE** The Nantucket Commission on Disability has an eight foot portable ramp and a two foot portable threshold ramp for disabled visitors to borrow while they are visiting the island. The eight foot ramp is used to ramp two or three steps and makes porches, stoops and decks wheelchair accessible. The threshold ramp is used to ramp one step from a porch, stoop or deck and makes a home wheelchair accessible.

If you know someone who could benefit from these ramps please call Brenda McDonough, the facilitator for the Nantucket Commission on Disability, at 508-228-8085 (work) or 508-228-5409 (home).

This is a courtesy service from the Nantucket Commission on Disability.

Elder Services of the Cape and Islands on Nantucket, located at 144 Orange St., has a 10' ramp available. Please call Sheri Hunt at 508-228-4647.



#### **SMILE PROGRAM: Dental Information Appointments Available**

Make an appointment with a SMILE Counselor from the Oral Health Excellence Collaborative. Receive information about local resources for dental care and learn about helpful affordable care options including assistance programs, insurance and discounts. Get a free toothbrush plus other dental care products. Please call Harry Mintz, our local SMILE Counselor at 508-680-1824, to book your appointment.

<u>PASSPORTS</u> The Town of Nantucket Department of Human Services, located at the Saltmarsh Senior Center, will accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports on Tuesdays from 1-4PM and Thursdays between 2-4PM, by appointment. Please call Ann Medina, Passport Application Acceptance Agent, at 508-325-7559 to make your appointment. In advance of your appointment, you may preview application forms, information on documentation required, fees, and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, by visiting the only official website for passport information at www.travel.state.gov

# **RESOURCES**

#### NANTUCKET SENIOR CITIZEN TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM

If you live alone and would like peace of mind that you can check in with someone daily, consider joining the Nantucket Telephone Reassurance Program. If you or a family member is interested in signing up stop by the Nantucket Police Department at 4 Fairgrounds Road, call 508-228-1212 or go online at <a href="https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/police">www.nantucket-ma.gov/police</a> for more information.

### **ISLE RETURN PROGRAM**

This is a voluntary program on Nantucket that benefits residents and visitors who are at risk for wandering. Family members or caregivers complete an enrollment form which includes a photogram and information useful to public safety agencies involved in a search. The registrant's information is stored in a confidential, information base managed by the Nantucket County Sheriff's Department. The service is provided at no cost. For more information visit the website: http://www.islereturnprogram.com or contact the Nantucket Sheriff's Department at 508-228-7263.

#### **SAFETYNET BY LOJACK**

A simple and convenient way to find and rescue individuals with cognitive disorders (including autism, Alzheimer's and other conditions) who tend to wander and become lost. For more information call 1-877-4-FIND-THEM or call Liz Shannon at the Nantucket Fire Department 508-228-2324 X113.

#### **911 DISIBILITY FORM**

The filing of this document with your 9-1-1 Municipal Coordinator will alert public safety officials that an individual residing at your address communicates over the phone by a TTY and/or has a disability that may hinder evacuation or transport. This information is confidential and will appear **ONLY** at the dispatcher's location when a 9-1-1 call originates from **YOUR** address.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

# **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES**

The volunteer program was created in order to enhance and promote innovative public safety programs to meet the needs of this ever growing island community. The Nantucket Police Department actively encourages the involvement of volunteers, local citizens, who volunteer their time and energy to the department, provide public awareness and support, beneficial cost and resource savings to the town, and foster quality of life and well-being in the community. To enhance the mission, goals and efforts of the Nantucket Police Department, as well as promote community involvement, awareness and support. For more information on the Nantucket Police Department's Volunteer in Police Service Program visit <a href="www.nantucket-ma.gov/police">www.nantucket-ma.gov/police</a> or call the Volunteer Coordinator, Sergeant Kevin A. Marshall at 508-228-1212 or <a href="mailto-emailto-mailto-emailto-mailto-ema

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

THE HOMESTEAD is a private non-profit organization founded in 1930 dedicated to providing residential services to older adults who choose to live a more simplified lifestyle in the company of their peers. The Homestead is located on upper Main Street in a gracious Victorian home and serves individuals who are 65 or older and are able to enjoy a minimally structured environment. There are 13 resident rooms, some with half bath and some with full baths. Services include private rooms, three meals a day served in the dining room, housekeeping and laundry services, medication management, a full-time night supervisor, a stair chair lift between the first and second floors, transportation to appointments, and many recreational activities held during the week.

Please stop by for a visit, or call Tish at 508-228-1135 for more information.

**ACADEMY HILL APARTMENTS** Call Hallkeen Management at 1-781-915-3030 for more information and availability.

# **SENIOR CITIZEN TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

The program will be administered through the Human Services Office and will run annually from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Each applicant must be over 60 and own property on Nantucket. Work schedule must be flexible and is set by each department. One applicant per household. Application deadline is October 1, 2014. Applications available at the Saltmarsh. Those received late will not be considered.

Call 508-325-7559 for more information.

# **FOOD STAMPS: S.N.A.P**

The government has expanded the program and made it friendlier for seniors. If your total monthly income is less than \$1,945 for one or less than \$2,621 for two and you have countable assets of less than \$3,250, savings, stocks, bonds, etc. you would be eligible. The application is shorter and easier to fill out but there is still some documentation you need to provide. Call Human Services at 508-325-7559.

# SHINE NEWS....

### Open Enrollment is just around the corner so don't delay

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment (**October 15 – December 7**) will be here before you know it and it is very important to review your Medicare options during this period. If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug or a Medicare Advantage (HMO, PPO) Plan you will receive a notice from your plan in September. Make sure you read this notice- it will explain the changes in your plan for 2015.

During the Annual Open Enrollment (<u>October 15 - December 7</u>), you will have a chance to CHANGE your plan for 2015. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan's changes, screen you for assistance programs and discuss other options you may have. If you do not change your plan during this period you may have to stay with your existing plan for another whole year. (Note: the open enrollment may not affect those with retiree coverage). <u>DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE-</u> Call the senior center and make an appointment with a SHINE counselor for this year's open enrollment.

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Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs, Inc. is the 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation which fundraises for the facility and program needs at the Saltmarsh Senior Center located at 81 Washington Street, Nantucket, MA 02554.

### **Council on Aging Board's Mission**

- 1. Identify the total needs of the elderly population.
- 2. Inform the community and enlist the support and participation of all citizens concerning these needs.
- 3. Design, promote, or implement services for the elderly in the community.
- 4. Promote and support other programs which are designed to assist the elderly in the community.

FUNDING FOR OUR WELLNESS AND FITNESS PROGRAMS IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS STATE'S FORMULA GRANT, TOWN FUNDS AND DONATIONS FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS

DONATIONS may be made to support the Saltmarsh Center programs through our non-profit corporation: Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs, Inc. Donations may be restricted or given to support our general fund. Another way to give is to USE THE SPECIAL RENEWAL CARD (available @ the Saltmarsh) for subscription, renewal or a gift to YANKEE MAGAZINE. Subscriptions are \$20/year, of which \$10 is donated to the Center. You may also consider donating shares of stock, or remembering us in your will. We are a 501©3 charity and all donations are tax deductable.